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DISQUALIFIED

Carrasco received 52.1% of the vote. Flowers cost her the win.

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A last-minute ASB Attorney General's investigation disqualified Taran Carrasco, who received a majority of the vote in the Miss Ole Miss runoff election, due to a campaign violation of the ASB Code and Constitution concerning bribery.

ASB Judicial Chair Liza Boyer confirmed that Carrasco was disqualified due to bribery, but added that "it was less of a violation against the candidate who was disqualified. It was organization of person on their campaign team was the one to commit that violation. By association, that is how we came to that conclusion."

Carrasco is a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, and in advance of rush week, Delta Gamma sent flowers to the other sororities, wishing them luck during recruitment. Written on the card delivered with the flowers, Delta Gamma also added "Don't forget to vote tomorrow!" Though she had no knowledge of the message sent on the flowers, Carrasco was held responsible and ultimately disqualified.

Boyer confirmed that Carrasco was not aware of her sorority's actions leading to the violation.

Following the results, Carrasco said that she "had no hard feelings toward Cecilia (Trotter). I am sure she will take this duty responsibly and represent us well." She added that she understood ASB had a job to do and respected them for executing it.

Supporters began to gather around the Lyceum steps at 7 p.m., and following a series of delays due to the investigation, at 10:20 p.m., Deputy ASB Attorney General Jake Fanning



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Taran Carrasco (yellow) is escorted into the Elections Board Committee room in the Lyceum on Thursday. Unbeknownst to Carrasco, flowers were sent to all sororities encouraging voting, violating campaign rules.



Left: Cecilia Trotter celebrates after being announced as Miss Ole Miss; Stefano Subauste won Mr. Ole Miss. **Right:** Carl Tart celebrates being announced as the Homecoming King in front of the Lyceum. Tart won with 57.5% of the vote on Thursday.



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ASB Senate passed it unanimously. Students said no.

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On Tuesday night, nearly two-thirds of participating students voted to reject the ASB's proposal to raise the Student Activities Fee from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The raise would have doubled the budget that ASB has to assist in funding registered student

organizations (RSO).

The proposal was placed on the homecoming ballot after the ASB Senate voted unanimously to pass it as a student referendum. If it was accepted by the student body, ASB would have sent it as a proposal to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning.

Jordan Maupin, a soph-

omore elementary education major and one of the 63.9% of students who voted to reject the proposal, said she voted no because she didn't know why ASB needed to increase the fee in the first place.

"If they had given more information about why they wanted to raise (the student activities fee), I probably

would have voted yes, but they didn't," Maupin said. "They just asked for more money and didn't give any reason to give them more money. I feel like we already give them a lot of money."

Avery Sadler, a junior IMC major, echoed Maupin's concerns and confusion about the use of the funding.

"I didn't know what it

was, and I didn't see where the money would be going," Sadler said.

However, the ASB's "Raise it 5" campaign did email all RSO presidents, and representatives from ASB met individually with RSO's as well, ASB Treasurer Gianna Schuetz said.

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FROM THE LYCEUM

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Top: Carl Tart celebrates with friends in front of the lyceum after being announced as the Homecoming King. Tart is the university's first Homecoming King. **Middle left:** Cecilia Trotter and Stefano Subauste hug after being announced as Mr. and Miss Ole Miss. Trotter won with 47% of the vote after her opponent Taran Carrasco was disqualified. **Bottom left:** Cecilia Trotter waits in anticipation before being announced as Miss Ole Miss. Trotter won with 47% of the vote after her opponent was disqualified. **Bottom Right:** (From left) Stefano Subauste, Carl Trotter and Ciara Knapp stand in front of the Lyceum after being announced as the homecoming court.



ELECTIONS

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announced Stefano Subauste as Mr. Ole Miss, Cecelia Trotter as Miss Ole Miss and Carl Tart as the university’s first ever homecoming king.

ASB Attorney General Austin Fiala announced that 5862 votes

were cast, marking the second highest voter turnout in Ole Miss election history: second only to Tuesday’s primary election.

As the night wand, students outside of the Lyceum grew visibly weary, leaving in droves with each announcement that the results were delayed. However, when Fanning announced the winners, the Circle exploded in applause.

Subauste stood on the steps of

the Lyceum, looked out over the crowd of students still in attendance and boomed the ‘Hotty Toddy’ chant. Following the chant, Tart was carried down the steps on the shoulders of his supporters. The trio of winners embraced on the Lyceum landing, and Subauste yelled to the crowd: “Give it up for your first homecoming king!”

Tart was visibly animated following his victory.

“Thank you to everyone who voted me to be the first homecoming king,” Tart said. “I just can’t describe how I feel right now. It’s amazing and I just really thank everyone. I love Ole Miss and I love everyone.”

This is the second time in as many elections that controversy has plagued the announcement of runoff results.

During the ASB executive offi-

cer elections last spring, the runoff election for vice president was sent to a second runoff as the ASB judicial council invalidated the initial runoff election votes due to a campaign violation also concerning the ASB code on bribery.

The newly elected Homecoming court will be announced on-field at halftime of Ole Miss’ homecoming football game vs. Vanderbilt on Oct. 5.

UM's activists compare to Mizzou's

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The role of activism at the University of Mississippi was compared to past activism at the University of Missouri during an event on Thursday. The discussion, Dialogues on Diversity, was the last event of the Student Activism and Leadership Summit, sponsored by the Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement and co-sponsored by the Associated Student Body and the Black Student Union.

Provost Noel Wilkin, who opened the session, spoke about his own thoughts on activism and how students can produce change on our own campus.

“Activism and leadership share a common outcome: change,” he said. “But change is hard. From my view, effective change requires us to work together, to discuss our views, and help people understand the change that is needed. We need to facilitate an environment that helps

each of us to reach our full potential. It is my belief that events like this can inspire a vision of hope. I see hope in our ability as a community to overcome hate, oppression, and aggression.”

Former University of Missouri Students Association President Payton Head headlined the event. Head served as Students Association President at Mizzou following the happenings of Ferguson, Missouri, in 2014, saw the resignations of both the chancellor of the University of Missouri as well as the president of the University of Missouri system, as a result of their mishandling of racial incidents during that time.

“The fall of 2014 changed my life,” he said. “It changed the way I looked at advocacy, the way I looked at the effect that students can have on their campus and in the world around them.”

Sponsored by the Center for Inclusion and Cross-Cultural Engagement and co-sponsored by ASB and the Black Student Union, the day featured sessions on activ-

ism and leadership, ending with Head, who focused on establishing a dialogue on the Ole Miss campus that fosters inclusion and intersectionality.

Head explained that activism is not always easy or uniform, but he expressed appreciation for those fighting for justice.

“Activism looks completely different for everybody,” he said. “It’s been glamorized on social media lately, but there are people who are engaging in this system every day, in a system that was not built for people who look like them.”

He also argued that the lack of dialogue is what is breeding the problem, and that people from different perspectives on campus must interact for positive change to take place.

“The problem is that right now people literally aren’t talking to each other. People are each going their own way — athletes one way, Greek another. There’s a lack of communication. We have to think of each other as human beings, and have community dialogues,” he said.



FILE PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON

Former President of the Missouri Students Association Payton Head encourages attendees at the Dialogues on Diversity session to greet each other.

Rashun Miles, a Ph.D. student in social welfare, didn’t attend Ole Miss for his undergraduate studies and said that the possibilities that advocacy create are promising.

“I think it’s a work in progress,” he said. “It’s bureaucracy and a lot of physical and invisible walls, but I think through advocacy and engagement, it’s possible to advocate while taking into consideration those who aren’t at the table.”

Nadia Jeffries, a social work major from Holly Springs, said that for her, standing up when she sees an injustice is the most important thing.

“I think it’s important to speak up about situations that students see an issue with,” Jeffries said. “It’s nerve-wracking at times, but as long as you’re doing it in a positive way, the outcome will follow.”



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VOLLEYBALL

Rebels head to nation’s capital for final non-conference test

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The Ole Miss volleyball team travels to Washington, D.C., this weekend for two matches against Howard and American University. The Rebels will look to take care of business in their final non-conference matches before returning home to begin SEC play against Tennessee on Sept. 27.

On Friday, the Rebs will take on a Howard squad in the midst of a disappointing 2-9 start to the season for the Bison. Last year the Bison finished 20-10 to win the regular-season MEAC title before cruising through their conference tournament to earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they lost to Penn State.

Howard has lost five straight heading into Friday’s matchup, including three straight matches where they failed to pick up a single

set. Its only two wins of the season came against Hartford and Canisius, two programs that have not been competitive in years.

On Saturday, Ole Miss will face reigning Patriot League co-champion American University. Last year the Eagles finished 20-13 but lost a heartbreaker to Navy in the Patriot League championship.

The Eagles have struggled to build momentum and currently sit at 5-5 this season. They have lost back-to-back matches against Georgia and Northwestern after handling Duke easily on the road in Durham. They will face Rutgers at home Friday night before taking on the Rebels Saturday afternoon, and will be fighting hard to stay above .500 in their final non-conference matches.

Last weekend, Ole Miss swept their three matches in the Central Arkansas Classic, defeating Little Rock 3-0, Central Arkansas 3-2 and

Oral Roberts 3-1.

The Rebels made quick work of the Trojans in their first match behind a strong team effort. Sophomore middle blocker Aubrey Sultemeier and senior outside hitter Emily Stroup led the way with nine kills each, with Stroup also contributing 10 digs and two blocks. Sultemeier recorded an impressive .500 hitting percentage and also added three blocks to her season total.

Senior middle blocker Nayo Warnell also stood out for the Rebs, contributing seven kills on an astounding .700 clip to go along with three blocks.

In their second match Ole Miss defeated Central Arkansas 3-2 in a hotly contested match. Freshman outside hitter Anna Bair continued her excellent start to the season with 22 kills on a .280 hitting percentage. Stroup added 21 kills on a lackluster .194 clip, and Warnell recorded seven blocks to



FILE PHOTO: CHRISTIAN JOHNSON / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN
Emily Stroup spikes the ball during the game versus Georgia in 2018. Ole Miss heads to Washington D.C. for the last non-conference game.

go along with seven kills. Junior setter Lauren Bars also had a strong match, contributing 52 assists, seven blocks and eight digs.

In their final match of the weekend, the Rebels took down an inferior Oral Roberts squad with ease on the backs of Stroup and Warnell. Stroup ended with a match-high 17 kills while Warnell finished off her stellar weekend with 13 kills on a .632 percentage to go along with an outstanding nine blocks. Warnell was named tournament MVP for her efforts and also took home SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

Ole Miss opens SEC play in Oxford on Friday, Sept. 27, against Tennessee where they will try to get revenge for their two losses to the Volunteers last year.

SOCCER

Rebels brace for SEC opener vs. a resurgent Mizzou squad

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The Rebels’ five-match win streak ended last Sunday afternoon after Ole Miss was unable to pull off a late comeback win against the Jaguars of South Alabama.

As Ole Miss prepares for Missouri this week, head coach Matt Mott wants to see improvement in the Rebels’ coaching and execution before they face the Tigers on Friday.

“I think the players would tell you that they were disappointed on how we played,” Mott said. “We have got to coach better, we have got to get more prepared, and we have to execute better as we go into conference play.”

Despite finishing their non-conference slate with a 1-2 loss, Ole Miss had some positive takeaways from Sunday’s match. Except for two attempts from the penalty box, sophomore goalkeeper Ashley Orkus stopped all five of the Jaguars’ shot attempts.

Orkus has started eight times in goal for Ole Miss, recording 39 saves and a 1.31 goals-against average this season.

Additionally, Madisyn Pezzino had a standout game on Sunday. The junior notched her third goal of the season with a beautifully tucked 20-yard shot. Pezzino is currently ranked third in goals scored for the Rebels behind senior Julia Phillips (4) and junior Channing Foster (6).

The Rebs have scored 18 times, attempting 19.4 shots a game this season – with 43.2% being on goal.

Missouri, led by head coach Bryan Blitz, has seen massive improvements in offensive production this year with an identical record of 6-2 in non-conference play. During the 2018 season, the Tigers only saw the back of the net 16 times. Mizzou matched that total last Sunday in their 2-1 victory over Northern Colorado.

Through the 2019 non-conference season, Missouri’s offense has averaged two goals and 12.5 shots per game. Sophomore Julissa Cisneros (5), senior Sarah Lue-

bert (4) and junior Bella Alessi (2) led the Tiger’s fast-tempo offense in goals scored.

Between the posts, Missouri is breaking in a new goalkeeper, redshirt sophomore Peyton Bauman. In the first eight games of her collegiate career, Bauman has gotten off to a hot start for Mizzou with 30 saves and a 1.33 goals-against average.

Friday’s match between the Tigers and the Rebels marks the seventh time the two teams have played each other. Mizzou leads the series 4-2-1.

Since joining the Southeastern Conference in 2012, Missouri is 7-0 in conference openers. The Tigers have outscored their SEC opponents 19-4 (+15) in league openers during that stretch. The last time Missouri traveled to Oxford for its conference opener, the Tigers mauled Ole Miss 5-0.

Matt Mott’s squad will attempt to make Mizzou 7-1 in conference openers when it kicks off against the Tigers on Friday at 7 p.m in Oxford.



FILE PHOTO: BILLY SCHUERMAN / THE DAILY MISSISSIPPIAN
Gabby Little sprints for the ball with a South Alabama defender. Ole Miss will play Mizzou on Friday at 7 p.m.



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FOOTBALL

Matt Corral prepares for first real test of the semester

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Ole Miss starting quarterback Matt Corral has completed 63% of his passes for 578 yards and a 144.9 passing efficiency rating after three games. The redshirt freshman has appeared poised most of the time, but overwhelmed other times.

He will need his best performance of the season thus far to get past a salty California Golden Bear defense ranked No. 15 in the SP+ ratings after week three. That defense featuring a ballhawking, active secondary specializing in confusing opposing offenses has dragged the team to a 3-0 record with an impressive win over Washington and a No. 23 ranking.

Though it has not been pretty, Corral has lead the offense efficiently most of his time on the field, especially in the last two weeks.

“I started feeling comfortable really after Arkansas and being comfortable in that game environment when we go out on the field and it’s like, ‘ok we’re here,’” Corral said. “It’s just like practice.”

“They say it feels different when you’re out there on the field... but when you get out there and you finally figure out what you’re doing and you have confidence in what you’re doing, all of that goes away.”

Corral will find himself in the belly of the beast come Saturday as he stares down the Cal defense that has held opponents to 16.3 points a game. The squad’s claim

to fame is that secondary featuring Ashtyn Davis and Jaylinn Hawkins at safety and Traveon Beck, Elijah Hicks and Camryn Bynum on the perimeters.

The Golden Bears will be keying on Rebel slot receiver Elijah Moore, who has quickly emerged as an All-SEC candidate and Corral’s favorite target. Moore has found the endzone three times this season with an average of 15.4 yards per reception.

The sophomore’s production has come out of necessity as the Rebels have yet to find another reliable pass catcher outside of Dontario Drummond after Braylon Sanders went down with a hamstring injury in the season opener. Ole Miss has had to make due with a handful of freshmen.

“It’s hard sending little babies out there,” receiver coach Jacob Peeler said. “I know we want them to be at their best now including myself, but I think they’ll continue to progress and continue to take steps in the right direction.”

Sanders has been practicing with the team all week, and Peeler is confident Sanders will be able to go on Saturday.

“It’s just another receiver that I trust out there,” Corral said. “Me and Braylon have that on-and-off-the-field chemistry. We hang out a lot and that’s my brother right there so I trust him and it’s just him getting back in shape because I know he hasn’t been out there.”

Corral’s confidence is also

dependent on the production of the running game with that young offensive line and stable of capable backs. Scottie Phillips, Jerrion Ealy and Snoop Conner have all filled their roles well so far this season, not only toting the ball but also helping in pass protection. The interior offense will face a monster front seven led by inside linebacker Evan Weaver.

“They’ve never had a problem doing that type of stuff, it’s just them getting better at it,” Corral said. “When that time comes when they need to get that key block and they keep getting it over and over, I feel like that gives them more confidence.”

Kickoff for the game in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium on Saturday is set at 11 a.m. with the forecast around 80 degrees with 61% humidity at kickoff. The Golden Bears travel to Oxford by plane on Thursday, allowing about 48 hours to adjust to the time and climate change. Corral, who remembers playing several Cal players during his time in high school ball out west, downplayed the perceived advantage for the Rebels during the game.

“I’m not going to lie, it’s different,” Corral said. “It’s different from a cool 75 (degrees) everyday with a little overcast to being out here at 6 a.m. and it’s 80 degrees in the morning. It’s something that could be an advantage, but at the end of the day you’ve got to put the football down and play.”

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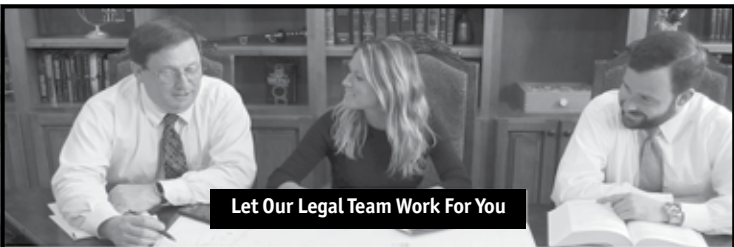
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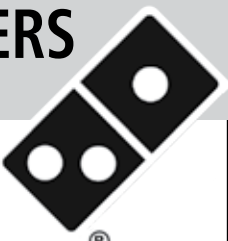
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FOOTBALL

College football pick 'em: Week Four

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I don't want to talk about last week. We did so bad that my fellow prognosticator, Griffin Neal, has hung up the cleats. He really just didn't show up to the office this week. That was tough, but it's all over now. It's week four, and we guarantee that we'll literally never be wrong about anything ever again. We've brought in national college football expert Erin Killion to replace Griffin and this week's slate is so much better than last week, so we'll go ahead and go off one time.



No. 15 UCF (-11.5) at Pittsburgh O/U 61

Joshua: UCF has coasted to three wins over FAMU, FAU and Stanford, scoring over 40 in every game, but Pittsburgh gave No. 13 Penn State a little scare in Happy Valley. Give me Pittsburgh keeping it close. Also shout out to the Pitt uniforms. Top three threads in college football, and it ain't two or three.

Erin: UCF's offense has been undoubtedly impressive in their first three games, and I don't think this weekend will be any different. Pitt (and their uniforms, sorry Josh) bores me, so give the 2018 National Champs by 30.



Oklahoma State at No. 12 Texas (-5.5) O/U 73

Joshua: Texas has given up 417.3 yards per game, bro. LOL. The Horns cover, but y'all boys are trash. I just can't wait until my Heisman pick Jalen Hurts gets his hands on them in a few weeks. I'm kissing my teeth.

Erin: I'm pretty indifferent

here. Going strictly off of the mascots, the Cowboys will lasso the Longhorns anytime. Based on that, OK State is taking this one.



No. 11 Michigan at No. 13 Wisconsin (-3.5) O/U 44.5

Joshua: I got a whole gang of Shea jokes in the holster, but we'll keep it civil. The Badgers haven't allowed a point this season. They've played both USF and Central Michigan, but still damn impressive. I'll take Wisconsin here.

Erin: TSSSSSS. What's that sound, you ask? That's the Snake Patterson making his way west to Madison. I'm throwing the rankings out the window. The Badgers will come out on top, by 20 at least. Also, don't worry, Jim. There are two IHOPs in Madison in case you get hungry.



No. 7 Notre Dame at No. 3 Georgia (-14.5) O/U 58

Joshua: Georgia is real ladies and gentlemen. That's it. That's the pick. (Rudy was not only offside but also garbage.)

Erin: Woof. It just means more.



Kentucky at Mississippi State (-6.5) O/U 48.5

Joshua: Oh, it's lit. I don't know how good Kansas State is, and I don't care. It's over for the Bulldogs. I'm calling it. Did you see the student section? They've lost their fanbase. In all seriousness, I do think Kentucky

could surprise people even with a backup quarterback. Cats by 90.

Erin: With the most successful collegiate cheerleading program in the world, Kentucky wins every time. Seriously, 24 national championships. C-A-T-S, CATS! CATS! CATS! I echo Josh here: Cats by 90.



No. 8 Auburn at No. 17 Texas A&M (-3.5) O/U 47.5

Joshua: Freshman quarterback. Road game versus a ranked opponent. Collision course. I think Bo Nix will be pretty good, but I'm taking age over beauty here. Kellen Mond has been fine this season, but besides Clemson, they ain't played nobody. It'll be a good game, but the Aggies take it.

Erin: As someone who almost went to Auburn with a personal vendetta against almost everybody from Texas, I'm taking the Tigers. The rankings don't lie here. War Damn, baby.



No. 23 California at Ole Miss (-2.5) O/U 41.5

Joshua: Do they know something we don't know? I know Cal's offense is garbage, but that defense is something serious. I think that defensive front with Evan Weaver overwhelms the Ole Miss offensive line still trying to find its footing, and the secondary makes Matt Corral look like a freshman. Cal's offense does enough to win a low-scoring game in Oxford.

Erin: Considering the Golden Bears' transition to Central Time and the Mississippi climate, I don't expect them to adjust well. The Rebels' offense will be hot with Braylon Sanders (hopefully) making his return. The Rebs will win by a touchdown.

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OPINION

What should go in the statue's place

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The University of Mississippi is in an identity crisis. At times, this crisis seems to have permeated every inch of our space and each one of our people, its instances ranging from the trivial to the profound. Our newest on-field mascot is enjoyed by some and suffered by others. We wonder if our buildings' racist namesakes should be contextualized or abandoned altogether. Our campus attracts Neo-Confederates and contemporary civil rights activists alike. We ask if our teams should be called the Rebels, if our school should be called Ole Miss. The University of Mississippi is at a turning point, and it's time that we have a rigorous conversation about the identity our community should seek to cultivate going forward.

This identity crisis came to a head this year as the university's governing bodies voted to remove the Confederate monument from the Circle. Many people — myself included — saw this as a necessary and overdue step in an ongoing effort to confront both our past and our present. But as we continue to dismantle our legacy of white supremacy, critics have worried that we will destroy our identity in the process. Such fears are depressingly poignant.

Racism is and has always been a part of our nation, our state and our campus to such a degree that in the act of tearing it away, we might also tear up ourselves. This concern has been subliminally present in every moment of progress that our community has made so far. When we retired a mascot, brutal but loved by many, this concern was present. When we — the state's flagship university — took

down the state flag, this concern was present. When we decided to relocate a historic but hateful statue from the center of our everyday landscape, this concern was present.

To be clear, we made the right decision in those moments, and I hope that we make the right decisions in the moments that are to come. The vestiges and residues of our terrorizing past should not be allowed to terrorize members of our community today. I understand the anxiety that comes with knowing that the university we attend, the one many of our parents went to and the one some of our children will go to are all three very different places. The anxiety that comes with letting go of who we are is strong, but it should not stop us from realizing who we are to become.

This is the crux of the

University of Mississippi's identity crisis. We are spending great effort deciding who we are not, but spending little effort deciding who we want to be. And so our discussions of what we are moving away from must be coupled with discussions of what we are moving toward.

Relocating the statue is merely symbolic, but — as Ta-Nehisi Coates once wrote — there is nothing "mere" about symbols. And so we must now ask ourselves: What — if anything — should go in its place? Maybe we should promote a neutral but pleasant aspect of our community's history. Should a seedling from one of our two champion trees occupy that space? Maybe while pushing away the darker parts of history, we should also seek to pull in the brighter ones. Should a statue of Ida B. Wells or Fannie Lou Hamer occupy that

space? Maybe we should declare a bold, new identity. Should we commission a sculptor for a work of public art to occupy that space? Maybe it's best to leave all this behind us. Should we let nothing more than pale, wild grass occupy that space?

This is not an easy question to answer, but questions worth asking seldom are. We, as a community, must come together to find the answer. We must either design or discover a new identity for the University of Mississippi. We must decide and declare what type of place this is to be. We must decide and declare what type of people we are to be. This endeavor starts in asking ourselves what — if anything — should go in the statue's place.

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We need better game day dress codes

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Second gameday weekend summary: Rebels ran. Players performed. Fans cheered. Gro- vers groved.

As University Police Department officers backed away and music played in the distance, hundreds of freshmen bolted from a tunnel into Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. In navy blue "Rebel Run" T-shirts, they covered the field and then climbed their way into the student section. I was thrilled to be one of them.

Exhilarated and sweaty, my friends and I found seats and fanned ourselves to cool down. As we looked around, though, it seemed that even those who had not just sprinted a hundred yards were in a state of discontent. Lots of people — if they weren't leaving — were attempting to stay cool by turning their heads from the sun, hiding under tents atop the stadium and spending \$8 on bottomless water. The longer we stood, the more we realized that the dress code for this semester may not have been well thought out.

Everyone was sweating. Nearly all were dressed in navy. Most were elsewhere by halftime.

People in the Grove, meanwhile, were enjoying a second round of pop-up tents, ice-filled coolers, eloquently decorated cookies, portable restrooms, and colorful trash cans. Students who stayed there could have watched the game where a fan kept them cool and dry and the sun wasn't beating down on their dark

shirts.

As exciting as the game day atmosphere is, it would, without a doubt, be more enjoyable if the weather were not so stifling. Dressing in navy for a 3 p.m. game only made the situation worse. Saturday's dark-hued stands exacerbated the already intense heat, unveiling true feelings about the color chosen for the day. Among conversations I overheard, several questions arose:

"Why are we wearing our darkest colors at the hottest game?"

"Why aren't we wearing powder blue instead?"

"Can I wear this white shirt and just add navy accessories so I won't be as hot?"

These remarks mirrored comments from the week before when game-goers complained about wearing red against Arkansas, a team whose colors are cardinal and white. The complaints from the past two weekends together display a need to be more intentional when selecting the game day dress code.

While the game time may not always be known and temperatures not always correctly forecasted, navy should never be a color of choice for a September home game. Opening up the first two home games of the season dressed in our primary colors is simply not worth the additional discomfort that probably contributes to a mass exodus from the student section halfway through the first quarter.

As in the case last week, we should not blend into the opposing team's fans. Next week's color

choice of red for an 11 a.m. game against the blue and gold University of California appears to be a step in the right direction.

However, after Cal, we regress. Against the University of Alabama, fans will be expected to throw on red and meld with Bama's red-hued crimson color. Later in our season, Texas A&M will be a similar circumstance. These recurrences further demonstrate our need to be more intentional with our dress code.

Mississippi State University—albeit an enemy— at least offers its fans an option of white for the first two home games and does not establish a dark-hued color until a home game later in its season on Nov. 16. They seem to be more considerate with their dress code.

I am not advocating to retract from a uniform game day color. I only ask that the dress code is thought out more thoroughly. There are a few simple rules of thumb that, when followed, will make uniting in dress code an enjoyable experience and possibly even boost participation. When getting the Ole Miss fan base to blend in with one another, don't forget to make them stand out — don't dress in the opposing team's colors. Leave navy for October. And consider wearing white more than once in a season.

Keeping these measures in mind will surely result in a happier, more uniform and larger fan base to rally behind the Rebels.

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“The students simply were not in support of the \$5 raise,” Schuetz said.

Schuetz said that she could “just go on and on for hours about how beneficial this small increase would be,” but acknowledged that this referendum was successful because a large portion of the student body exercised their rights as voters.

Other students who voted ‘No’ said that the cost of rising tuition affected their decision.

“We already pay so much for school, they don’t need more of our money,” Erin Oakes, a sophomore psychology major said.

Rex Ravita, a journalism major, tweeted that he didn’t support the raise because “tuition raises almost 5% every year already so its expensive.”

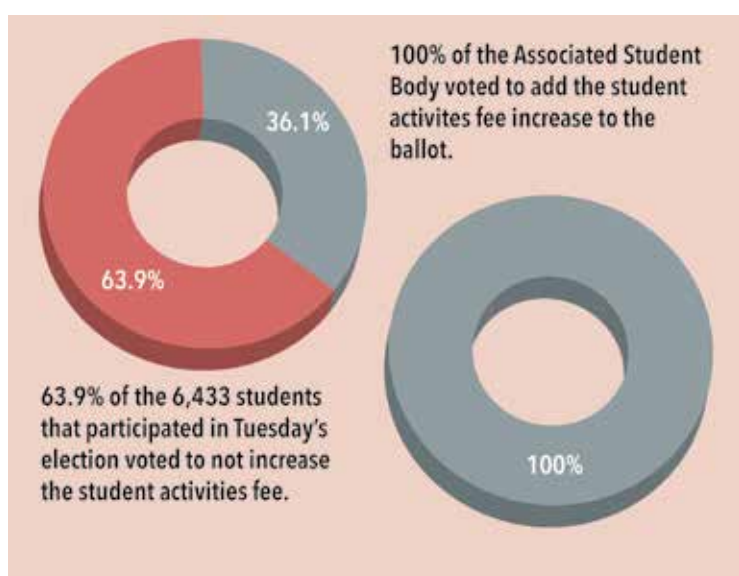
ASB President Barron Mayfield said that in addition to believing passing a referendum would have benefitted the proposal with the IHL, he said the vote was held to give students an opportunity to express their opinions.

“I was disappointed because

it would have been a huge boost to our student organizations, but the process worked,” Mayfield said. “We put this on the ballot because we wanted to know if it was something students wanted to do. In the end, it wasn’t and we can use that information to work more effectively for the student body.”

He added that despite the bill’s unanimous passing in the ASB Senate, they will not attempt to move forward with any raises.

“While I supported raising it, the students spoke loud and clear,” Mayfield said.



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